GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed responsibility of the security forces for terrorist activities in J&K after the instruction issued by him on April 10, 2003 as reported in Rashtriya Sahara dated 25.4.2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether before such instructions the security forces are not responsible for terrorist activities in J&K;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any reduction in the terrorist activities have been noticed thereafter; and

(f) if so, the facts in this regard stating the number of terrorist attacks reported after the issue of such instructions in the state?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): The report in Rashtriya Sahara of 25.4.2003 has somewhat misrepresented the facts.The meeting of the Special Group on 24th April 2003 at Jammu referred to in the Rashtriya Sahara report formed part of preliminary discussion being undertaken by the Special Group with Officers in J&K.The Special Group had been constituted pursuant to the decision taken in the High Level Meeting presided over by Deputy Prime Minister on 31st March 2003 and the Special Group has been tasked to review existing macro strategies of the Security Forces and intelligence agencies in J&K and suggest appropriate strategies to be followed to counter terrorism in J&K. The earlier meeting referred to in the Rashtriya Sahara report was actually an internal meeting of the Special Group held in Delhi on 9th April 2003. The Special Group is to submit its report within 90 days after consulting all concerned and undertaking field visits. Thus there was no question of the Special Group conveying any Government instructions during the meeting at Jammu on 24th April 2003.

(c) & (d): The Security Forces have been carrying out their counter terrorism tasks in J&K as perthe coordination and supervision of the two Unified Headquarters which are presided over by Chief Minister of J&K.

(e) & (f): As per information provided by the State Government of J&K, 820 incidents of terrorist violence have taken place during the current calendar year till April 15th.